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THE STRUGGLE NEARING THE CRISIS

Two Legislatures Almost a Foregone Conclusion Because of the Box Elder Squabble—Majority of Republicans on the Roll—A Final Supreme Court Decision in Wyoming Gives the Democrats the United States Senator—Murphy About Sure of the Senatorial Toga from New York—Legislative Notes.

HELENA, MONT., Jan. 2.—No such excitement as exists in Helena has been known in the Montana capital in many years. The city is full of members of the legislature determined to get the best of the contest which is to begin to-day. Everything centers around the United States senatorship, and at 9 o'clock last night all the indications pointed to a dual house. Of course, the senate will have no quarrel. It is composed of sixteen members, ten of whom are Democrats and six Republicans, and there are no contests. In the house, however, a very strained situation exists. The membership of the body is fifty-five. The Democrats hold twenty-six certificates of election, the Republicans twenty-six, and the Populists three.

The Noted Box Elder Case.

A serious complication has arisen over the now famous Box Elder case. The Chouteau county canvassing board declared A. L. Hamilton, Democrat, elected by throwing out the vote of Box Elder precinct. Had this precinct been counted W. J. Leech, Republican, would have been elected. The matter was carried to the supreme court, which after a bitter fight lasting several weeks ordered the canvassing board of Chouteau county to reassemble and count the precinct which had been thrown out. The canvassers, upon hearing the decision, ran away to Washington, the British possessions, and North Dakota. Marshals were dispatched from Helena to Ft. Benton and elsewhere in Chouteau county, but before they could find any of the men they wanted the time in which the writs were to be served expired, and they were obliged to return to Helena.

Leech Has a Slight Advantage.

The supreme court immediately issued new writs, but up to last night the marshals had been unable to serve them. Both Hamilton and Leech have come here to be seated. Hamilton still holds the certificate of election, but the state auditor has placed the name of Leech on the house roll. The Democrats claim that if Hamilton can be regularly sworn in as a member from Chouteau county before the recount is made the question of who is entitled to the seat must be settled by the house itself. The programme of the Republicans is to seat Leech and organize the house with the aid of two Populists. This they claim will give them twenty-nine members, a legal majority of the body.

Democrats to Do the Bait.

The Democrats say they will assemble in the regular way and take the oath of office, but that if the name of Leech is found on the regular list they will go in a body to another hall and organize as the lower house of the Montana legislature. This they will do they say, because Leech is yet has no certificate of election whatever, and that he has no standing before the legislature except as a contestant. So far as known, but one of the Populists will act with the Democrats. The Democrats will therefore have but twenty-seven members in their house, all told, and it is difficult to see now they can transact business unless they can induce another of the Populists to act with them, thus giving them the necessary twenty-eight just a majority.

DEMOCRAT FROM WYOMING.

Will Sit in the United States Senate—The Carbon Decision.

CHEYENNE, WYO., Jan. 2.—The supreme court Saturday decided the Carbon county cases, holding that while there were technical defects in the certificates of nomination, still they were not of such a vital nature as to invalidate the election. A peremptory mandate was issued to the state canvassing board compelling it to count the Carbon county returns, thus giving the certificates of election to the Democrats in the house. While the Republicans still have one majority on a joint ballot, the house will never seat this one because his certificate was secured through a clerical error. It is now conceded that the Democrats and Populists will elect the next United States senator.

The Governorship Again.

Every member of the supreme court is a Republican. The question of the governorship is again at the front. Acting Governor Barber last week signed a pardon for James Moore. The pardon was sent to the warden of the penitentiary at Laramie and returned with the information that it must be signed by Governor Osborne to be of any force at that institution. A petition for a writ of habeas corpus was presented to the supreme court and the writ was granted. The matter came up for a hearing during Saturday. A decision in this case by the highest tribunal in the state will settle the vexed question of who was governor of Wyoming. Osborne has full possession of the office now, Barber having stepped out as soon as the supreme court decision permitted the official vote to be announced.

The Senatorship in Michigan.

LANSING, MICH., Jan. 2.—The struggle before the legislature, which meets Jan. 4, for the United States senatorship soon to become vacant by the expiration of Senator Stockbridge's term, is conspicuous for the unknown quantities that it contains. The Republicans have 88 votes and only need 67. Senator Stockbridge is making a strong fight for re-election and expresses himself as confident of winning. His strongest opponent is ex-Governor Cyrus W. Luce, the "farmers' candidate. Ex-

Congressman Jay Hubbell and Congressman Burrows and O'Donnell are also coming to the front as candidates, and the latest to be heard from are Benton Hanchett, of Saginaw, and J. J. Woodman, of Paw Paw.

Murphy Will Get There.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2.—The election of Edward Murphy, Jr., to the United States senate is assured, it being evident that he has at least 86 out of the total of 91 Democratic votes in the new legislature, and he is likely to have all of the 91. If he has but the 86 he will still have 5 more than a majority on joint ballot.

New Senator from Louisiana.

BATON ROUGE, LA., Jan. 2.—Donaldson Caffrey, of St. Mary's parish, was Saturday appointed by Governor Foster to be senator of the United States to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Gibson, deceased. Mr. Caffrey was born in the parish of St. Mary, Louisiana, Sept. 10, 1855. He was educated at St. Mary's college, Maryland, and graduated with honors. He began life as a pioneer farmer in Grayson county, Tex., but returned to his native state in 1888. He was admitted to the bar in the following year.

Illinois Legislature.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Jan. 2.—Everything is in readiness for the meeting of the legislature, which assembles Wednesday. The principal candidates for legislative positions are E. P. Kimball, of Virden, for secretary of the senate—no opposition so far; Colonel Phoebe Howard, for sergeant-at-arms of the house—outlook a walkover; Clayton E. Crafts for speaker of the house—has a "cinch." For chief clerk of the house there are W. B. Morris, of Golconda; James E. Vail, of Macomb; W. E. Handy, of Tolono. For doorkeeper—Edgar Brown, of LaSalle, and Tom Brewer, of Springfield. The postmaster will be given to a woman, but who has not transpired. Miss Lizzie Kennedy will be assistant.

Will Need Populist Votes.

SAN FRANCISCO, JAN. 2.—The struggle for United States senator to succeed Felton from California, which will begin in earnest today at Sacramento, promises to be the liveliest fight seen here for years. The balance of power lies in the hands of the eight Populists, whose course of action is still uncertain. These Populists, most of whom are from southern California, have already declared that they will vote as a unit for Thomas Carter. The Democrats cannot elect without some of them.

Can't Call Her Off the Trail.

TOPEKA, KAN., Jan. 2.—Governor-elect Lewelling announces that he has decided to offer Mrs. M. E. Lease a position on the state board of charities. It will be one of the first appointments he will make. It is reported here that Mrs. Lease has manifested her willingness to accept the position, but it is said to be well understood beforehand that in accepting this position, she does not in any way relinquish her claims to the senatorship.

Indiana Legislature.

INDIANAPOLIS, JAN. 2.—Candidates for speaker of the lower house of the legislature have taken rooms at the hotels, and a number of the members-elect have arrived to attend the session, which opens on Thursday. The candidates are apparently confident of success, and the contest promises to be very close between James Curtis, of this city, and Frank Ader, of Putnam county.

Wisconsin Senatorship.

MADISON, WIS., Jan. 2.—The legislature opens Jan. 11, and the interest is in the United States senatorship. The candidates are John L. Mitchell, of Milwaukee; Colonel J. H. Knight, of Ashland, and General Bragg. Bragg has a nucleus of about a third of the Democratic members, and a good nucleus, as his friends are some of the toughest political warriors of the party.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Senator Vest puts himself on record in a letter to a friend calling Indian Commissioner Morgan "a narrow-minded bigot."

George G. Howe, who has just finished a three-year term in the Ohio state's prison for horse-stealing, will go to work for the Y. M. C. A. and lecture on prison life.

William Sloss, of Jimtown, Col., was killed in a snow slide six miles from that place.

The brokers of the New York Stock exchange Saturday celebrated New Year's with a big Christmas tree and a Santa Claus.

David Frailey and John Austin were playing cards at Herriek, Ill., when a dispute arose, and Frailey shot Austin in the hip and leg. He then escaped.

The college of electors meets to cast the vote for president Jan. 9.

President-Elect Cleveland attended the banquet of the Players' club at New York and made an address.

General Horace Porter has been chosen to run for president of the New York city Union League club.

Fifteen per cent. increase in the mail business of that city is reported for 1892 by Postmaster Sexton, of Chicago.

The St. Louis council has accepted the resignation of City Treasurer Foerster.

Walter Gaynor, one of the tramps who held up a brace of detectives in a C. and E. L. suburban train a short time ago, at Chicago has been arrested.

The government of France has presented to Whitelaw Reid a large and valuable Sevres vase, in token of its appreciation of his house while United States minister at Paris.

The Canadian government is talking about reducing duties on British products, Canada to receive preferential treatment from Great Britain in turn.

The state's prison at Little Rock has been found to be in a terrible sanitary condition and the arrest of every officer has been ordered by the mayor of the city, the charge being violation of the sanitary ordinances.

L. Blank, a German living at Covert, Mich., murdered his wife with an ax and then swallowed too much Paris green for the earth to be rid of a miscreant. He is now in jail. The couple have six children, all away at school.

A WOMAN IN BLACK

Rhinebeck, N. Y., Has a Mysterious Sensation.

SHE IS GHOSTLY AND VERY TALL.

Stretches Out Her Long Arm and Makes No Sound but a His—Many See Her, but Do Not Stop for an Interview, Which Would Seem to Indicate That a Reporter Is the One Thing Useful in That Region—Seems Bullet-Proof, Too.

RHINEBECK, N. Y., Jan. 2.—The story as Irving tells it of the headless horseman who spread consternation through Sleepy Hollow is well known by readers. Now, here is a story of a mysterious Woman in Black who is exciting as much fear among the people of this peaceful village, sixty miles further up the beautiful valley, as did Irving's ghost. It is the story of a strange creature who glides noiselessly along the country roads at dead of night. She has never been known to address anybody, although she has met many. Her language is the language of signs. She invariably halts long enough to stretch out her long arm from beneath a black veil and make a hissing noise. She might say more if anybody hesitated long enough to give her the chance, but nobody has tarried as yet.

Ghostly, Thin, and 6 Feet 4 Inches High.

This strange apparition is described by those who have seen it as a thin woman, at least 6 feet 4 inches tall, with a slight stoop and a long stride. The Woman in Black, as the apparition is known, first made her appearance in Rhinebeck about six weeks ago. John Judson, who lives in Chestnut street, was the first to behold her here. As he was going home late one night he heard a noise in Walter W. Snell's front yard. He looked around and was startled to see a tall black object standing perfectly still. Judson hurried home. The next day the news was all over Rhinebeck. The women and children shivered and the men laughed, but that same night as David Ackert, one of the best known business men in the village, was going home he met the black-robed object in Main street.

Ackert Wasn't a Bit Scared.

Ackert is six feet tall himself and he says he had to look up at the woman. She shrank from him with a hissing sound, he declares, and he passed on without saying a word or again looking around. David Ackert's word is as good as an affidavit in Rhinebeck. "I wasn't scared, boys," he said to a group of listeners the next day, "but I felt a shivering sensation, for she was so tall and slim and piratical-looking." The four village constables and a night-watchman heard Ackert's story and vowed to capture the creature that very night. But the woman discreetly kept off the highways and was not seen the following night either.

Didn't Stop to Speak—Forgot.

Thomas Sinclair was the next reliable person to encounter the strange woman. He met her on the outskirts of the village about 10 o'clock at night. She was pacing in the middle of the road with her head bent low and her long arms clasped behind her. Next James Traster met the mysterious creature in a side street about 10 o'clock at night. He did not stop and speak to her because, as he says, he didn't think of it until after she had disappeared. Things have been running along in this way ever since. No one has taken advantage of his opportunity to address the woman, and no one, so far as can be learned, has deliberately set about an investigation.

Had Business Somewhere Else.

The first woman to see the black apparition was Miss Florence Welch, the teacher at Miller's school, a mile and a half from here. Miss Welch dismissed her pupils at 4 o'clock on last Thursday and then went to call on Mrs. Herman Asher, who lives on a farm near by. She remained there until shortly after 5 o'clock, when she started to walk home. It was about dusk as she passed her school house and she glanced through the window. There sat the Woman in Black on one of the benches. Miss Welch remembered distinctly that she had locked the school-house door. She did not stop to see if it had been opened, but ran for her life. She is sure she was not laboring under a delusion.

OPENED WITH HIS ARTILLERY.

An Ungallant Native Tries the Value of Cold Lead—Didn't Work.

Nathaniel Post, who works for Frank Kern, went to Rhinebeck on Saturday evening to meet Mrs. Kern. In the flats, while they were driving home, the Woman in Black suddenly sprang into the middle of the road. Post pulled up the horses and asked Mrs. Kern to hold the reins while he jumped out to fathom the mystery. Mrs. Kern was too frightened to give her consent, and the woman scaled the fence and started across the meadow. Charlie Martin, who carries the mail, met the woman in almost the same place on the following night. Robert Shriver, the village blacksmith, who had been spending Friday night with friends in Rhinebeck, started for Rhinebeck at 10 o'clock. In the outskirts of the village he saw a tall black object standing beside the roadway.

Three Bullets That Were a Dead Loss.

He didn't stop to give warning, but drawing his pistol, fired three shots at it. It was the Woman in Black and she ran across the meadows. The next day being Sunday, the villagers had a good chance to discuss the subject of the intruder. Several of them decided to ask ex-Constable Quick to go to work on the case. He hesitated and still hesitates, but he stated Friday that he guessed he would take up the matter and if he did he would soon get at the bottom of it. "I won't stand any monkey business," he said. "I've got my suspicions. Of course they are merely suspicions and are based on what I think, but when it comes to a thing of this kind I usually think pretty near right."

Must Have Tall Boys There.

"Now, I have thought that this Woman in Black was no woman at all. I had an idea that she was a boy got up to frighten people. We have several boys in this village who are just about her height. I cross-questioned them pretty closely, and I thought I had hit the nail on the head, but darn if one of the villagers didn't come in just then and shout: 'She's been seen not more than ten minutes ago on the river road.' Of course, my suspicious persons had proved an alibi without saying a word." Every resident of Rhinebeck is perfectly satisfied that the Woman in Black is a reality, but not one of them can think who she can be. The nearest asylum is at Poughkeepsie, sixteen miles away, and no lunatic has escaped from that institution. To add to the mystery this strange creature is never seen abroad in the daylight.

The Appreciation

Shown our great many down sale on cloaks, jackets and all at the unheard of low price of \$1 apiece, while they last, take your pick \$1. One lot 65 ladies' newmarkets (carried over) \$2 apiece heavy, warm and substantial. You should secure some of these extra values, as none of them can be duplicated when the present lots are closed. Sale begins promptly on Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

ANOTHER LOT

Of about 50 (fifty) 50 ladies garments of various kinds. Not all the latest styles, some from last year, some from the season before, but all good warm garments and all at the unheard of low price of \$1 apiece, while they last, take your pick \$1. One lot 65 ladies' newmarkets (carried over) \$2 apiece heavy, warm and substantial. You should secure some of these extra values, as none of them can be duplicated when the present lots are closed. Sale begins promptly on Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

One lot gray fancy stripe jackets, very latest style, down to \$3.37.

One lot brown mixed, Pleat back, new warm, heavy melton jackets, have been selling at \$9.50, bought too many, and will close what we have left at \$5.67 a piece.

You will not see such values offered again this year or next.

A big miscellaneous lot of black reefer jackets with fur collars, fur edged or fur faced. Were \$5, were \$6, some were \$6.50, some \$7, and \$7.50. All, marked down to one price \$3.62. The best of these there will be likely to go fast.

We find we now have some 900 garments on hand. Many more than we expected would be left on January 1, and in order to make quick sales and get sharp returns, we have carved and cut prices nearly all along the line. Russian blouses, worth \$6 we close at \$3.62. Those worth \$7.50 go at \$3.62. Lots of jackets marked down from \$10 to \$7.50 and from \$14 to \$9.

One lot plain black reefer jackets, are all good, and every one would sell at the price we are now asking for them, but for special purposes and to strengthen this advertisement we will ask the lot (only one to each customer) at \$3.25. Make early selections. High priced garments all shaded down, some a quarter off, others one third off, and still others at one half price.

BED BLANKETS.

It was our good fortune the other day to buy some 250 pairs bed blankets with a discount of 20 per cent below early prices. Our good for one is yours, for this saving all goes to our customers.

Nearly the entire lot are great and colored blanket and the most desirable lot of merchandise we have had this season. Another exceptional opportunity was on 12 bales of bed comforts, which we are in position to sell just 17 per cent below early prices. This is something that should interest all intending buyers, as it shows just so much clear cash in your pockets.

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DEATH OF EX-GOVERNOR BALDWIN.

The Well-Known Michigan Man Passes Away at the Age of 78.

DETROIT, MICH., Jan. 2.—Ex-Governor Henry P. Baldwin, who has been ill for several weeks, died at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The cause of his death was old age and a complication of stomach and other troubles. He was born at Coventry, R. I., Feb. 22, 1815. His ancestry was noticeable. One of his forefathers was Nathaniel Baldwin, a Puritan who settled at Milford, Conn., in 1634. His paternal grandfather was the Rev. Moses Baldwin, the first person who received collegiate honors at Princeton, who was for more than fifty years pastor of the Presbyterian church at Palmer, Mass. His father was John Baldwin, a graduate of Dartmouth college.

Was Prominent in Politics.

His mother was a daughter of the Rev. Neneiah Williams, a graduate of Harvard, pastor of the Congregational church at Brimfield, Mass., and a descendant of Roger Williams, a Puritan, who settled in Roxbury, Mass., in 1638. Coming to Detroit in 1857 Mr. Baldwin engaged in business pursuits in which he was very successful. Beginning with the year 1868 he took a prominent part in state politics, serving in the legislature, and was identified with the improvements of the southern Marie Ship canal. He was elected governor in 1868 and re-elected in 1870. His terms of office were signalized by splendid advances in the state's affairs. Owing to Zachariah Chandler's sudden death in 1879, there occurred a vacancy in the state representation in the United States senate which ex-Governor Baldwin was chosen to fill.

CHOSE "SYSTEM" FEDERATION.

The Railway Employees Conclude Their Labors at Cedar Rapids.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, Jan. 2.—The representatives of organized railroad employees, in session in this city, agreed Saturday night on "system" federation. The term "system" is used in contradistinction to "national" and means that the members of the organizations on any one railroad system will be left free to form a union or not. Such a union when formed will be binding upon them alone. Under the new system, when the employees of any railroad feel that they have a grievance against their employers, the matter will first be referred to the grievance committee of the order.

Makes It Less Easy to Strike.

It will be the duty of this committee to put forth every effort toward securing an amicable adjustment of the differences. Should this be found impossible the chief executive of that order will then be called upon, and not until both of these have failed will the executive heads of the various orders in the federation be called into consultation. No strike can be ordered without the unanimous consent of these chief officers, but when a strike is ordered all the orders must go out. The members of the federation are conductors, switchmen, firemen, trainmen, and telegraphers.

Fatally Hurt by a Robber.

MOORE HILL, IND., Jan. 2.—Captain James McKnight, one of the oldest citizens in the place, was found dying in his house from injuries received at the hands of a robber Saturday. Captain McKnight was 80 years old and lived alone in one side of a double house. His room had been searched and a large sum of money which he was known to have in the house was missing. He died one hour after being found.

Wound Up the Year with Suicide.

RICHMOND, IND., Jan. 2.—Thomas B. Mulligan, aged 75, was found hanging in his room Saturday dead.

The Weather We May Expect.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The following are the weather indications for twenty-four hours from 8 p. m. yesterday: For Indiana and Illinois—Fair weather; cool in northern portions; northwesterly winds, becoming variable. For Michigan—Generally fair, colder weather; northwesterly winds. For Wisconsin—Fair, colder weather; northwesterly winds. For Iowa—Fair, warmer weather, except cooler in northern portion; winds shifting to southerly.

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